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TO AMEMBASSY BERN

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SUBJECT: COUNTERVAILING DUTY INVESTIGATION ON CHEESE

REF: BERN 1291

1. ON MARCH 24 SWISS AMBASSADOR SCHNYDER WROTE TO TREASURY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVID MACDONALD SUGGESTING THAT THE BEST WAY TO HANDLE SWISS CHEESE COUNTERVAILING CASE WOULD BE FOR AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION TO WITHDRAW COMPLAINT. LETTER ASKED THAT TREASURY TAKE NO ACTION IN THE CASE UNTIL REPRESENTATIVES OF SWISS FARMERS UNION HAD DISCUSSED SITUATION WITH FEDERATION. ON APRIL 3 MACDONALD SENT THE FOLLOWING REPLY:

2. BEGIN TEXT:

" THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF MARCH 24, 1975 REGARDING OUR CONVERSATIO' OVER THE CHEESE COUNTERVAILING DUTY INVESTIGA-
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TION AND THE UPCOMING VISIT OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SWISS

FARMERS UNION WITH THE AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION.

AS I INDICATED, YOU CAN BE ASSURED THAT THE TREASURY WILL
NOT ISSUE A DECISION ON THIS CASE BEFORE THE MEETING

BETWEEN THE TWO FARM GROUPS, WHICH I UNDERSTAND IS
SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE DURING THE WEEK OF APRIL 28, HAS
BEEN COMPLETED. I MUST POINT OUT, HOWEVER, THAT A PRE-
LIMINARY DETERMINATION MUST BE MADE ON THIS CASE NO
LATER THAN JULY 4, 1975. FURTHERMORE, GIVEN THE PRESENT
LARGE NUMBER OF CASES BEING PROCESSED, IT WILL NOT
BE POSSIBLE TO WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE BEFORE TAKING
LEGALLY REQUIRED ACTION AND DELAY MUCH BEYOND MAY 1
MAY NOT BE FEASIBLE. GIVEN THE NEW TIME LIMITS FOR
PROCESSING COUNTERVAILING DUTY PETITIONS UNDER THE TRADE

ACT OF 1974, I AM SURE YOU CAN UNDERSTAND THE NECESSITY
FOR OUR ACTING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ONCE ALL THE RELEVANT
FACTS ARE AVAILABLE." END TEXT.

3. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO BRING ABOVE LETTER TO JACOBI'S
ATTENTION. INGERSOLL

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